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SUBJECT: ROKG INQUIRY RE POSSIBLE MILITARY SALES TO MOROCCO

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1. IN COURSE APRIL 27 CONVERSATION AMBASSADOR REVIEWED
CONTSRHR REFTEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG JIN.
STRESSING THAT TRAINING DECISION WAS ROKG'S OWN TO MAKE,
AMBASSADOR SAID OUR ADVICE WOULD BE THAT IT BETTER
TO TRAIN MOROCCANS IN KOREA THAN TO SEND ROK ADVISORS
TO MOROCCO. WHILE WE COULD NOT APPROVE M-16 SALE, AMBASSADOR
ALSO SAID WE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FORMAL REQUEST FOR TRANSFER
OF RADIOS, MORTARS, RECOILESS RIFLES, AND MILITARY SOFTWARE.

2. PARK, WHO CLEARLY PLEASED WITH OUR RESPONSE HAD NO
PROBLEM ON M-16 DECISION, WHICH ROKS HAD ANTICIPATED,
AND AGREED TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REQUEST AND INFO ON
OTHER ITEMS. REGARDING TRAINING, HE SAID THAT ROKG
ALSO HAD CONCLUDED IT MUCH PREFERABLE TO TRAIN MOROCCANS IN
KOREA. KOREAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS
MATTER WITH MOROCCANS IN RABAT AND WOULD CONVEY IMPRESSION
ROKG SERIOUSLY MAKING EFFORT TO SATISFY KING'S APPEAL
FOR ADVISORS. ROK AMBASSADOR WOULD MAKE CLEAR HOWEVER
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THAT ROKS PREFER TO OFFER TRAINING IN KOREA.

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